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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PATROL BOATS FOR GUINEA

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR REPORTS GOG SIGNED AGREEMENT JULY 7 TO PURCHASE ONE 29 METER COASTAL PATROL BOAT FROM FRANCE FOR DELIVERY IN JANUARY 1979. COST OF BOAT IS 10 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS, SOMEWHAT UNDER \$2 MILLION, AND PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE OVER EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD. SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT HAD BEEN HELD UP FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE OF GOG INABILITY PRODUCE 10 PERCENT DOWNPAYMENT, BUT NOW THE FRENCH CONSTRUCTION FIRM, WHICH HAD COMMENCED BUILDING THE BOAT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, HAS SOMEHOW TAKEN CARE OF THE 10 PERCENT IN FRANCE, SO GOG WAS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE ANY DOWNPAYMENT AT ALL AND COULD THEREFORE GO AHEAD WITH THE DEAL. AS IT STANDS, THE BOAT IS NOT ARMED; THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION YET OF WHAT ARMAMENT IT MIGHT CARRY.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS APPARENTLY NO CONNECTION BETWEEN SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND FACT THAT WE INFORMED PRIME MINISTER JULY 4 THAT U.S. WAS NOT AVAILABLE AS A SOURCE OF PATROL BOATS.

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